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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

Brgy. 'kap' out for Noy oath but Corona not in

By Philip C. Tubeza and Dona Z. Pazzibugan

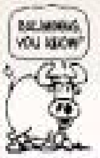
BENIGNO "NOYNOY" AQUINO III WILL no longer take his oath before a barangay captain when he is proclaimed the winner in the presidential election, his spokesperson said yesterday.

Lawyer Edwin Lacierda said the Aquino camp was now considering a notary public, a judge or a justice of the Court of Appeals to swear in the Liberal Party standard-bearer.

Or, it will probably be an associate justice of the Supreme Court, according to a source who asked not to be named for

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2 champs—Manny, Noy—meet for 'friendly chat'

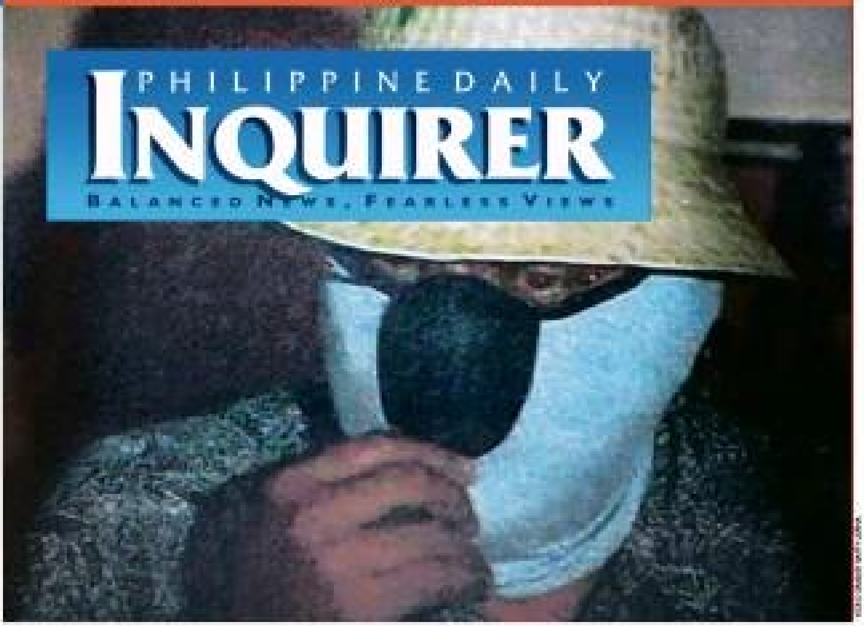


By Gil C. Cabacungan

EVEN BEFORE HE SETS foot in Congress, boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao seemed to be learning the moves of a seasoned politician.

Pacquiao, a winning

TWO CHAMPS/A6



SERIOUSLY, NOW A purported whistle-blower calling himself Robin claims knowledge of massive electronic fraud in the May 10 elections. Makati Rep. Teodoro Locsin Jr., chair of the House committee on suffrage says, "How can we summon a koala bear to a House hearing?" The man's video was shown during Wednesday's hearing.

'Koala bear' is amusing

Melo says man out to derail elections

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

ONLY HOUSE SPEAKER Prospero Nograles took seriously allegations of massive cheating in the May 10 elections by the "koala bear" whistle-blower.

But colleagues of Nograles, who lost in the mayoral race in Davao City, expressed skepticism during the nationally televised hearing of the House committee on suffrage and electoral reforms called to look into the fraud claims.

Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chair Jose Melo was more amused than concerned about the masked man, who first showed up during a news forum on Tuesday.

Comelec Commissioner Gregorio Y. Larrazabal merely laughed off the whistle-blower as "hot air."

"How can you summon a koala bear to a meeting of the House?" said Makati City Rep. Teodoro Locsin Jr., the committee chair.

"That man is in a mask and a man with a mask is not entitled to anything. The Comelec has

KOALA/A11





BANGKOK IS HOT Above, smoke billows from a commercial area of the Thai capital on Wednesday where Red Shirt demonstrators had encamped for more than a month in a 3-sq km tourism and shopping district. Thai authorities said rioters had set 20 locations ablaze. At left, a protester gives up. At right, the vanquished lie face down after the Army took over. AP



Bangkok burns amid Army crackdown

BANGKOK—DOWNTOWN BANGKOK turned into a flaming battleground on Wednesday as an Army assault toppled an antigovernment group's leadership, enraging followers who fired grenades and set numerous fires that cloaked the skyline in black smoke.

Using live ammunition, troops dispersed thousands of Red Shirt protesters who had been camped in the capital's premier shopping and residential district for weeks. Four protesters and an Italian news photographer were killed in the ensuing gunbattles and about 60 others were wounded.

After Red Shirt leaders gave themselves up to police, rioters set fires at the Stock Exchange, several banks, the headquarters of the Metropolitan Electricity Authority, the Central World, one of Asia's biggest shopping malls, and a cinema that burned to ground. There were reports of looting.

Thick smoke drifted across the sky of this city of 10 million people. Firefighters retreated after protesters shot guns at them.

The chaos in Bangkok in the wake of the two-month protest will deepen the

BANGKOK/A11

PPCRV dares whistle-blowers: Polls credible, present proof

By Tarra Quismundo in Manila and Carla P. Gomez Inquirer Visayas

AS TALES OF FRAUD MULTIPLY, the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) yesterday reiterated that the nation's first automated elections on May 10 were credible, saying that it found only minute discrepancies in its validation of election results.

"There is no systematic attempt of fraud. If there were any attempts at all, they were not able to get through," PPCRV chair Henrietta de Villa said at a press conference.

De Villa challenged whistle-blowers to prove their claims. "They should be the ones to present evidence. They should also

PPCRV/A11

Nograles to file raps; goons in Basilan; other fraud reports

By Kristine L. Alave, Gil C. Cabacungan and Nikko Dizon

GUNS AND GOONS PREVAILED on Election Day in at least two towns on Basilan island, according to a group of teachers.

House Speaker Prospero Nograles yesterday announced he planned to file sabotage charges against Comelec officials, some BEI members and the equipment supplier Smartmatic-TIM.

The Nacionalista Party (NP)

NOGRALES/A6

Comelec knows VP winner but isn't talking

By Kristine L. Alave, Gil Cabacungan and Christine O. Avendaño

THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (Comelec) has tallied 99 percent of the certificates of canvass (CoCs) for the senatorial and party-list elections and thus can count the votes for the vice presidential and

COMELEC/A11

'When I saw these bones, I can feel this is my son'

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

THE FATHER PAUSED AND tears flowed down his face when he saw a familiar red shirt beside a set of human bones.

Since June 2008, 67-year-old Ricardo Hilario Sr. had been waiting for his youngest son and namesake to come home, holding fast to the belief that the latter had survived the sinking of the MV Princess of the Stars off Sibuyan Island in Romblon.

But when he saw the red shirt yesterday at the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) in Quezon City, he broke down, convinced that his waiting was over.

"I saw the other bones here; I did not feel anything. But when I saw these bones, I can feel that this is my son," Hilario said.

The set of bones was among the skeletal remains of 85 people that the PAO had transported from Cebu and Romblon to its office for identification.

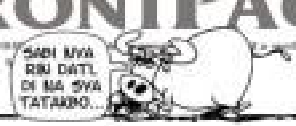
Only 52 of the more than 800 passengers and crew members emerged alive after the sinking of the Princess of the Stars on June 21, 2008.

Despite public storm signals, the Sulpicio Lines vessel had sailed into the path of Typhoon "Frank" from Manila to Cebu City and eventually capsized and sank.

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GMA says no to speakership

3 other Lakas solons want to step up for House leadership

WITH PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO apparently uninterested in becoming House Speaker, three Lakas-Kampi-CMD party mates have declared an interest in vying for the post, party officials said yesterday.

[illegible]

No to speakership

[illegible]

'Quite stubborn'

[illegible]

Coalition yes, but...

[illegible]

C-5 probe to haunt Villar

[illegible]

One less Senate vote for Noynoy

[illegible]

Comelec commends PNP for job well done

By Marlon Ramos





China trip would be GMA's last as prexy

By TJ Burgonio



Correction

The Daily Gospel



EU to monitor Mindanao peace process

THE EUROPEAN UNION YESterday agreed to be part of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) that is overseeing the peace process in Mindanao.

In a statement, the Office of the European Commission delegation in the Philippines said it had been asked by the negotiating panels of both the government and the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) to lead the Humanitarian, Rehabilitation and Development Component of the IMT.

The IMT has been active in the peace process in Mindanao since 2004 and includes peacekeepers from Malaysia, Brunei, Japan and Libya.

Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission, said said the EU's participation would be finalized once appropriate terms of reference are agreed upon by all parties involved.

"The European Union attaches great importance to helping promote peace and development in Mindanao, and has long been active in providing both development and humanitarian assistance in the conflict-affected areas," Ashton said.

Since the end of 2000, the EU and its member-states provided more than 14.5 million euros (approximately P828 million) in humanitarian assistance to help civilians displaced by the conflict in Mindanao, she also said, adding that the EU was honored to be invited to assist further in the peace process.

EU Ambassador to the Philippines Alistair MacDonald said Mindanao has tremendous potential to be a prosperous and peaceful part of the Philippines to benefit of all who live there—whether Moros, Christians or indigenous communities.

This potential, he said, could only be realized if the vicious cycle of conflict and poverty is broken, and if local governance can respond to the needs of the people and provide effective services to all.

"I am delighted that in addition to our longstanding development and humanitarian cooperation with the Philippines in general and in Mindanao more specifically the EU will now be able to help more directly in the peace process, joining the efforts of other international and local partners," MacDonald said.

The government welcomed the EU's acceptance of their offer to participate in the peace process.

"The EU's decision to join the IMT is indeed good news for both GRP and MILF panels which now endeavor to pursue the gains of the peace talks as we transition from the current administration to the next," said Foreign Undersecretary for Special Concerns Rafael E. Seguis, chair of the Philippine panel, in a letter to MacDonald.

Peace talks between the Philippine Government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front broke down in August 2008, leading to an upsurge of violence which displaced several hundreds of thousands of civilians. Exploratory talks resumed in 2009. *Cynthia D. Balana*

'When I saw these bones, I can feel this is my son'

Basketball tournament



HOLY WATER

Presumptive ID

NBI not cooperating

Sulpicio changes name



HE COULD FEEL IT IN HIS BONES

SC asked to block sale of Angat dam power plant

Discretion abused

Amending Epira

Chinese recruiter blacklisted







‘Kap’ out for Noy oath rites; Corona still not in



AQUINO



CORONA

Media blitz

Limited authority

Possible violation of code

Corona’s slip

‘Aroroza’

Legal but unethical

A law itself

Nograles to file raps; goons in Basilan; other fraud reports

Ruling candidates benefited

Fraud texts from all over

Hoodwinked by hallelujahs

Two champs–Manny, Noy–meet for ‘friendly chat’

LP seeking allies

Kris recovers



ON ELECTION DAY

After June 30, coast is clear for Ping

Press ban on mercury, Noynoy told



LACSON

Disqualify Buhay, Comelec urged



Metro sizzles anew; still no relief in sight

By Alcuin Papa

Sari-sari store convention set





FIREWORKS Red Shirts launch fireworks toward Thai soldiers at a checkpoint in Ding Daeng, near Bangkok's Victory Monument, on Tuesday. REUTERS



FINAL CRACKDOWN Thai soldiers cross the barricade made of tires and bamboo sticks during Wednesday's operation to end antigovernment protests in Bangkok. AP

Bangkok burns as Army cracks down on protesters

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severe impact dealt to the economy and tourism industry of Thailand, a key US ally and long considered one of the more stable countries in Southeast Asia. The Red Shirts had demanded the ouster of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva's government, the dissolution of Parliament and new elections.



DAVID AND GOLIATH An antigovernment protester uses a slingshot against Thai troops on Tuesday in Bangkok. AP

Curfew imposed

The government declared an 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew in Bangkok, and said Army operations would continue through the night.

"Tonight is going to be another worrisome night," said government spokesperson Panitan Wattanayagorn.

It also imposed a partial media blackout on local TV stations, saying all of them will have to air government-prepared bulletins.

"They might be able to show their regular news programs. But we are concerned about their live broadcasts from the scenes," Panitan said. "There will be more [government] programs ... to be shown simultaneously by all stations," he said.

Protesters turned their rage on the local media, which they have accused of progovernment coverage. They stormed the office of state-run Channel 3, setting fire to one vehicle and puncturing water pipes that flooded the building.

"At Channel 3 we need urgent help from police, soldiers!!!!" tweeted news anchor [illegible]. "News cars were vandalized and they are about to invade the building."

Hours later, its building was on fire. Its executives were evacuated by helicopter and police rescued other staff. The English-language Bangkok Post newspaper evacuated its staff after threats from the Red Shirts. A large office building down the street from the Post was set afire.

Unrest spreads

Unrest also spread to the rural northeast of the country where Red Shirts, who claim Abhisit's government is elitist and oblivious to their plight, retain strong support.

Local media reported protesters set fire to government offices in the city of Udon Thani and vandalized a city hall in Khon Kaen. Udon Thani's governor asked the military to intervene. TV images also showed troops retreating after being attacked by mobs in [illegible].

Cabinet Minister Satit Wongnongtaey described the chaos as anticipated "aftershocks."

"There are militant-prone protesters who remain angry," Satit told a news conference.

At least 44 people have been killed, most of them civilians, in a week of violence in Bangkok as a military attempt to blockade the protesters—who had camped in the 3-square-kilometer Rajprasong district for six weeks—instead sparked street fighting, with soldiers firing on protesters who fought back mostly with homemade weapons.

Crackdown starts

The final crackdown began soon after dawn Wednesday, as hundreds of troops armed with M-16s converged on the Red Shirt base in Rajprasong, where high-end malls and hotels have been shuttered by the prolonged protest.

Armored vehicles crashed through barricades of piled tires and bamboo stakes, then soldiers gradually moved toward the protesters' hub, spraying fire and shooting [illegible], Associated Press journalists saw.

Bullets flew overhead and several grenades exploded near the soldiers, forcing them to pull back and take cover briefly before pushing forward. A Canadian freelance reporter was injured by grenade shrapnel. Two other journalists were wounded earlier, one Dutch man and an American documentary filmmaker. An Italian photographer was killed.

Leaders surrender

With no hope of resisting the military's advance, seven top Red Shirt leaders turned themselves in on Wednesday afternoon, saying they cannot see their supporters—women and children among them—being killed anymore.

"Brothers and sisters, I'm sorry I cannot see you off the way I welcomed you all when you arrived here. But please be assured that our hearts will always be with you," Natthawut Saikua, a key leader, said as he was being arrested.

"Please remain home," he said.

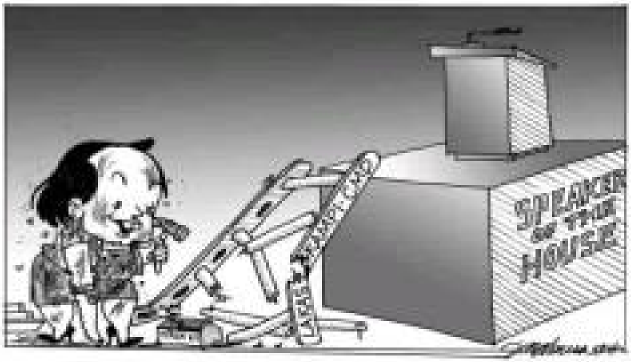
By mid-afternoon, the Army announced it had gained control of the protest zone and the operations had ended—nine hours after troops launched the predawn assault.

"Police officers and soldiers have now stopped their operations," said Army spokesperson Col. Sansern Kaewkamnerd. AP

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Losers in the SRO crowd

Very questionable

More hearsay

'I didn't do such a thing'

'The people have spoken'

Comelec knows VP winner but is not talking

Only Lanao del Sur CoC

Proclamation by June 4

Enrile: Approve rules for canvassing

Canvassing committee

Digital signatures

PPCRV dares whistle-blowers: Polls credible, present proof

Higher figures

Zero vote

Automate future elections

Same number of votes

No audit for party-list groups

Voter education

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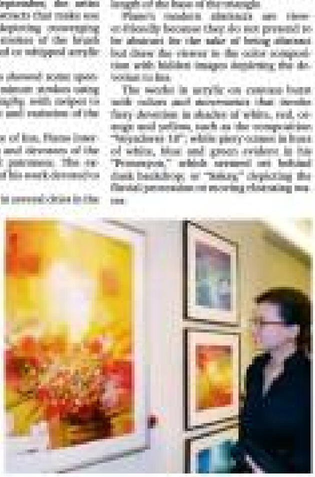
Secret garden of Palawan's healing man





Abstracts on Ina devotion

PANCHO PIANO, ONE OF THE most prolific Bicolano contemporary visual artists, paid tribute to the homegrown devotion of Our Lady of Peñafrancia, or Ina, in a series of paintings on exhibit last month at Naga City's Avenue Square.



EDWIN CLI, an patron and art...gaze at the works of Pancho Piano on display at Avenue Square in Naga City.

Across the NATION

Estrada nephew is gov, but pardoned plunderer loser in Laguna

Voters splurge with money from bets

By Joey Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY—A resident from Isabel town in Leyte is splurging on new home decor and kitchen utensils using the windfall she got during the recently concluded elections.



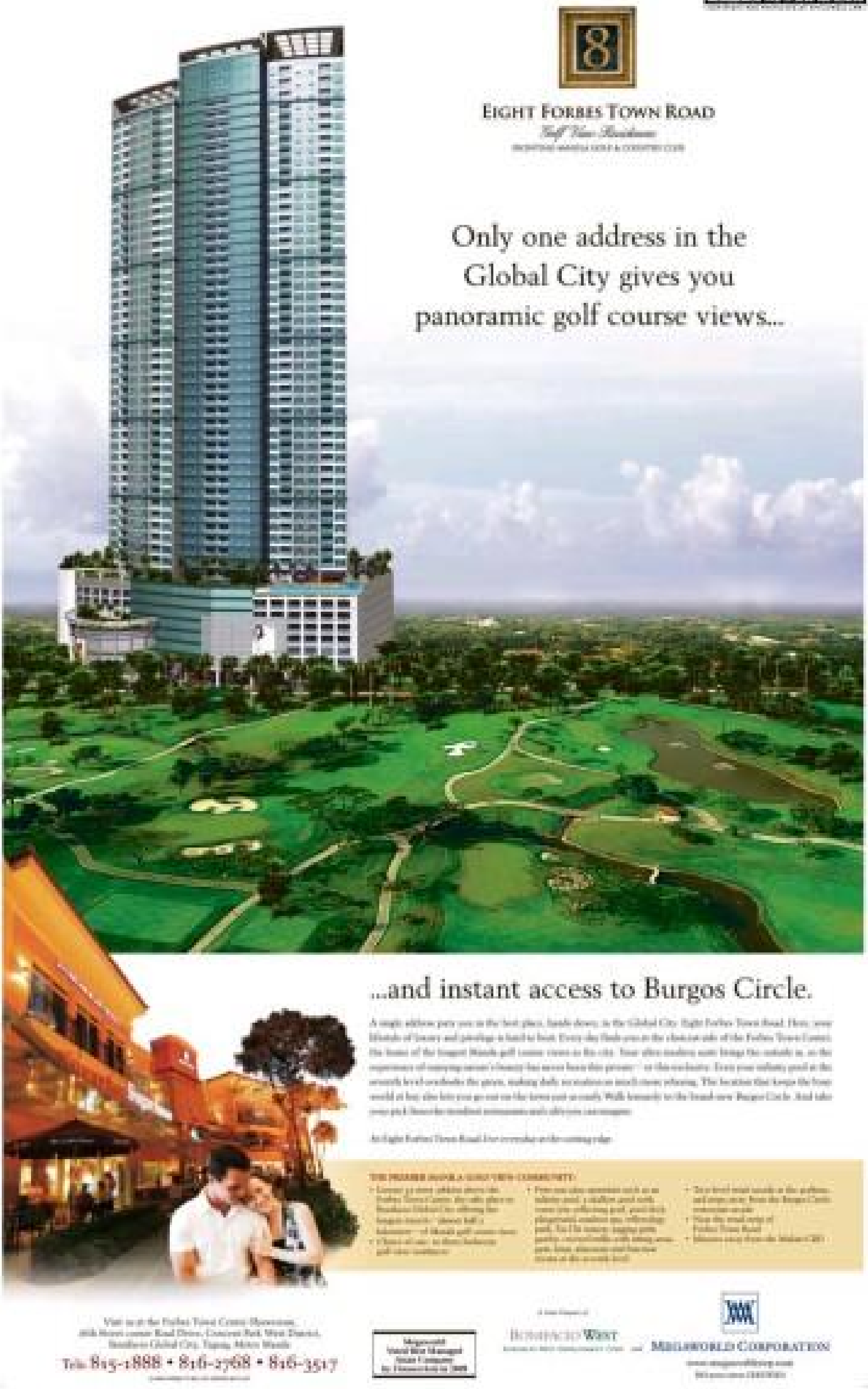
Military tags losing bet for mayor in burning of houses

Town cop chief survives slay attempt in Naga

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Fire hits warehouse in Valenzuela City; ₱25-M property lost



EARLY BIRDS

Ali Baba to replace Bonnie and Clyde

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo



After politicians, MMDA back to cracking down on vendors

By Mike Calleja

Rosales to strictly monitor cops taking fitness test



CAUGHT IN THE ACT

METROBRIEFS

2 rob suspects killed

8 nabbed in drug raid

Man convicted for murder



WINNERS' CIRCLE

WORLDBRIEFS

Voter anger erupts at US primaries

Indiana Republican quits over sex affair

Scientists watching where oil spill headed

French Cabinet gets veil ban bill

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US cats and dogs getting fat

'Obvious' N. Korea sank ship, Sokor's top diplomat charges



Swingers' case tests sexual limits in China

The WORLD

Editor: Lorenzo B. Ziaco

Taliban attack giant US air base

KABUL—INSURGENTS LAUNCHED A BRAZEN predawn assault on Wednesday against the giant US-run Bagram Air Field, the second Taliban strike at Nato forces in and around the capital in as many days.

At least 10 insurgents were killed and seven US service members wounded in the attack on Bagram, which started at about 3 a.m. with rockets, small arms and grenades fired into the base, said Maj. Virginia McCabe, a spokesperson for US Forces at Bagram.

The gunfire finally subsided around midday, said another spokesperson, Master Sgt. Sam Cheeseman.

"It's been a little while since we've heard any gunfire, but we're still maintaining a heightened security posture," he said.

The attack came a day after a suicide bomber struck a US convoy in the capital of Kabul, killing 18 people. The dead included five American troops and a Canadian, making it the deadliest attack on Nato in the Afghan capital in eight months.

The back-to-back attacks appeared part of a Taliban offensive that the insurgents announced earlier this month—even as the United States and its partners prepare for a major operation to restore order in the turbulent south. The insurgent attacks against both the capital and a major American military installation show the militants are prepared to strike at the heart of the US-led mission.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for both the Kabul bombing and the attack at Bagram, 50 kilometers north of Kabul. Taliban spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid said 20 suicide attackers were involved.

A building was damaged in the attack but it was "not a mission essential building," McCabe said.

Nato's senior civilian representative in Afghanistan said that insurgents had been repelled from an attempt to breach the base's defenses.

"We know that a group of insurgents sought to penetrate the air base and that's been dealt with," Mark Sedwill told reporters.

An Afghan provincial police commander, Gen. Abdul Rahman Sayedkhail, said the attack began when US guards spotted would-be attackers in a car just outside the Bagram base. The Americans opened fire, triggering a gun battle in which at least one militant triggered his suicide vest. Running gun battles broke out as US troops hunted down the other attackers. AP



FAISAL SHAHZAD is read his rights in court. AP

Car bomb suspect appears in NY court

NEW YORK—APPEARING DISHEVELED and obedient, the man accused of plotting a car bombing in Times Square made his first appearance in a Manhattan courtroom where he was told by a magistrate judge that he had the right to remain silent.

Authorities say Faisal Shahzad's willingness to talk kept him out of court for two weeks, speeding up the progress of an investigation into his May 1 plot to set off a homemade car bomb on a spring Saturday evening amid hundreds of people enjoying the tourist haven.

Authorities said shortly after Shahzad's May 3 arrest that he had admitted driving the SUV bomb into Times Square and told authorities he had received terror training during a recent five-month trip to Pakistan.

His cooperation did not eliminate the need to bring him to court on Tuesday to face five charges, including attempted use of weapons of mass destruction and attempted acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries, each of which carry potential penalties of life in prison. AP

Proposed Iran sanctions face opposition

UNITED NATIONS—THE UNITED States and its Western allies won crucial support from Russia and China for new sanctions against Iran over its suspect nuclear program, but they now face a tough campaign to get backing from the rest of the UN Security Council.

The draft resolution, obtained on Tuesday by The Associated Press, would ban Iran from pursuing "any activity related to ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons," freeze assets of nuclear-related companies linked to the Revolutionary Guard, ban Iranian investment in activities such as uranium mining, and prohibit Iran from buying several categories of heavy weapons including attack helicopters and missiles.

It would also call on all countries to cooperate in cargo inspections—which must receive the consent of the ship's flag state—if there were "reasonable grounds" to believe these activities could contribute to Iranian nuclear activities.

On the financial side, the draft calls on—but does not require—countries to block financial transactions, including insurance and reinsurance, and ban the licensing of Iranian banks if they have information that provides "reasonable grounds" to believe these activities could contribute to Iranian nuclear activities.

The agreement appeared to be a significant victory for the Obama administration, which has doggedly pursued sanctions since Iran rebuffed US overtures last year. Iran has insisted its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes.

Russia and China, which have close ties to Iran and could veto any resolution, joined fellow permanent council members Britain, France and the United States as well as non-member Germany in supporting the sanctions proposal.

Both Russia and China resisted sanctions before they were persuaded to support the stepped up pressure on Iran in recent weeks. Proposed sanctions relating to Iran's oil and gas industry were removed due to opposition from the two countries, which have vast investments and interests in Iran's energy sector. AP

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Baguio sparks Aces past toothless Tigers

GAMES TOMORROW
[illegible]
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By June Navarro

CYRUS BAGUIO IS STARTING to feel at home with the Alaska Aces.

The flamboyant slasher dished off a near-impeccable game to power the Aces to a 108-98 victory over the Coca-Cola Tigers in the PBA Fiesta Conference at the Araneta Coliseum.

Baguio, acquired by the Aces from [illegible] in exchange for Willie Miller two weeks back, shot 30 points, knocking down 13 of his 15 attempts including a perfect eight of eight in the opening quarter that allowed Alaska to dictate the tempo throughout.

"I became confident when I made my first basket," said Baguio. "Suddenly, the rim had become wider and all my shots started rattling in."

It was the second time the 6-foot-1 forward played as a starter after six games for coach Tim Cone and the Tigers' native said it gave him the confidence to push himself to another level.

"I'm excited. I feel I have to give something back to coach Tim after he put me in the starting lineup," said Baguio, who missed his first shot in the third quarter after going 13 of 13 in the field.

Though the Aces notched their first back-to-back victories since the Miller-Baguio trade, Cone felt his team lacked the defensive pluck it needed against more talented teams like Talk 'N Text and San Miguel Beer.

"It didn't go the way I envisioned it to be," said Cone after the Aces picked up their sixth win in 10 games.

"We didn't get it going defensively. I still think our team should win games with defense, not with offense. But I'm also glad that our offense clicked," added Cone.

[illegible] had 16 points and 17 rebounds on top of four blocks, one assist and a steal while Joe DeVance and LA Tenorio added 13 each for the Aces, who dealt the Tigers their sixth consecutive setback and 1-7 record.



SONNY Thoss of Alaska (right) tries to block a hook shot by Coca-Cola's Asi Taulava. [illegible]

"We had a lot of mental lapses on defense, little things that would mean a lot in the end," said Baguio.

Rashad Bell paced the Tigers with 35 points and 14 rebounds. Gary David had 23 and Mark Macapagal contributed 16, including back-to-back threes in the closing minutes that somehow trimmed Alaska's double-digit lead.

"I would say hats off to my players for not responding well," said Coca-Cola coach Bo Perasol. "We should have treated this one as a do-or-die game."

The scores:

First Game

ALASKA 108 — Baguio 30, [illegible]

COCA-COLA 98 — Bell 35, David 23, Macapagal 16, [illegible]

Quarters: [illegible]





SHAKEY'S V-LEAGUE

Tigresses, Lady Pirates dispute finals berth today

Bulldogs ambush Warriors; Altas slip past Knights



No surprises in POC straw vote for new PSC chief

By Marc Anthony Reyes



Pinoy jins show mettle in Kazakshtan

By Marc Anthony Reyes

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Slasher Cup extends listing

7 entries lead jampacked derby



Tiu eyes race double



NGAP reschedules RP Seniors Amateur tilt

Gomez tops Reyes in US 10-Ball; Django up



Dungca shows way with a 68

Obscure pro outguns Riviera faves

First-round scores:

Italian Open: Patrombon, Alcantara stay in the hunt

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Recah Trinidad

Baby Tams, Tiger Cubs rip q'final foes



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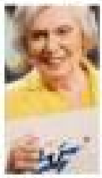
'Old' Celtics up 2-0

Howard bounces back, but Magic still fall short





Wizards tab No. 1 pick overall



Melecio powers young Llamados

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BOP surplus surges 111% to $982M

End-April level now at $2.35B

THE SURPLUS IN THE COUNTRY'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (BOP) more than doubled to $982 million in April due mainly to the rebound of the export sector, a sustained rise in remittances and higher foreign investments.

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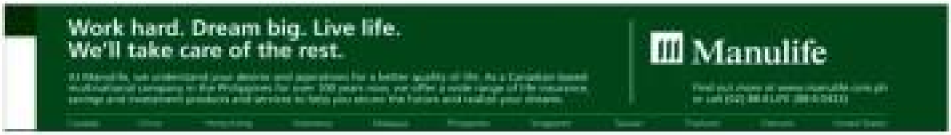


Stocks fall 1.3%



Poll ads bloat GMA 7 profit in Q1





Firms sign deal on ₱2.8-B Makiling geothermal project

Trans-Asia, PNOC unit join venture

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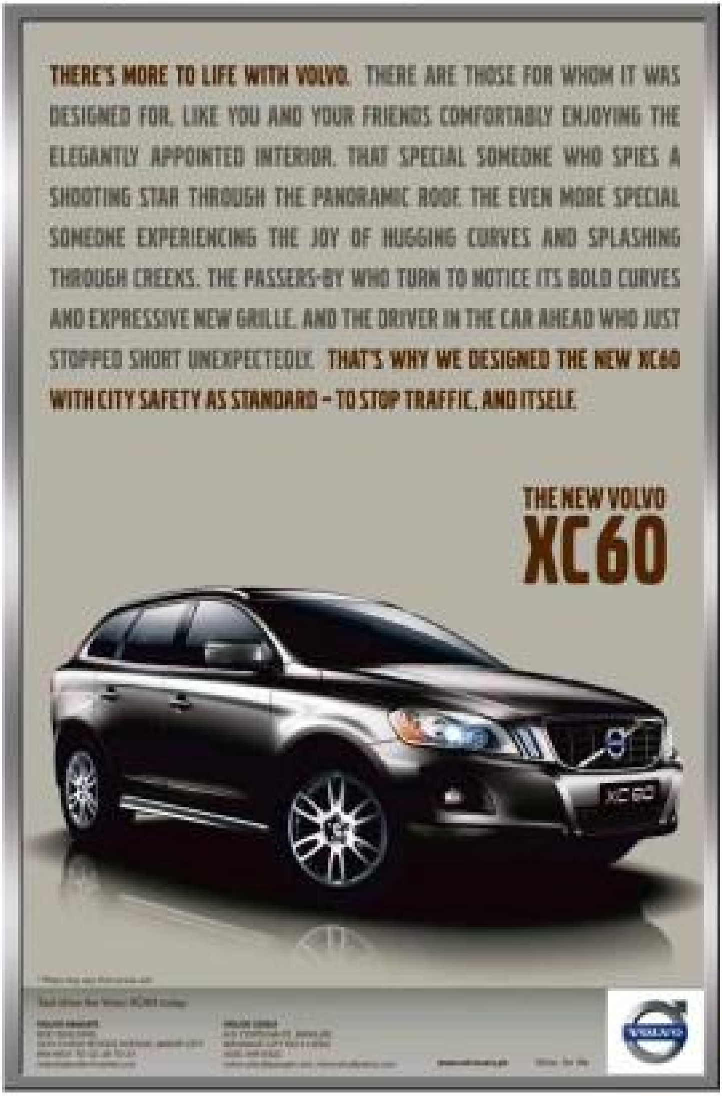
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LIFESTYLE Food

Editor: Thelma Sioson San Juan



Award-winning Norwegian chef shares tips on salmon, lemon-butter sauce


Chef Geir Skeie

'I grill it whole using stronger herbs, thyme, rosemary, garlic'



AT 29, NORWEGIAN chef Geir Skeie has accomplished so many things.

He has worked for Michelin Star restaurants, including [illegible] in Stockholm, Michel Rostang in Paris, and Le Canard in Oslo. He has also won the Norwegian Chef of the Year in 2007, Bocuse d'Or Europe 2008 and Bocuse d'Or 2009 held in Lyon.

He was in Manila for a week-long promotion [illegible]

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Reggie Aspiras

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Back to my roots

Our food is very basic. [illegible]

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Achieving Culinary Excellence

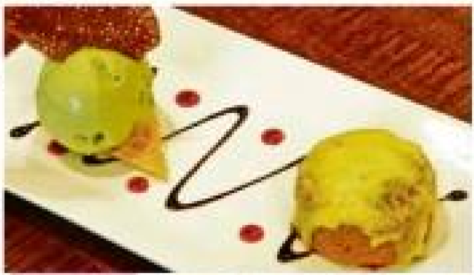
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Cake and ice cream combo



GRILLED BARBECUE



Pistachio Secret

'Gindara escabeche'

DINING OUT

Steamed 'pla-pla'



PORK 'SISIG'



BOILED SPRING VEGETABLE



'BULALO'



HONEY ROAST PORK



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Micky Fenix



SAHANG and imbao at the market

Most attractive seafood



THE REGION'S chorizo or longganisa



ORMOC'S Queen pineapple

Award-winning Norwegian chef shares tips on salmon…



Salmon

Favorite ingredient

My father and being a chef

My restaurant

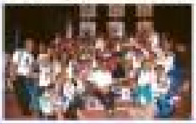
Masters of the heart

Dreams

SM Holds Sportsfest 2010







SM officials and employees recently gathered together for two sports events that brought out the spirit of sportsmanship and unity in the group - the SM Marathon and the Mini Olympics.










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LIFESTYLE Food

Norma Chikiamko's new cookbook: 'The story of my life in edible form'

By Vangie Baga-Reyes

THE SWELTERING TEMPERATURES EVEN on a Sunday morning didn't stop the family and closest friends of Norma "Ommy" Chikiamko from supporting the launch of her first ever locally published cookbook.

The launch was held at Fully Booked, Greenbelt 4, Ayala Center, Makati.

"The Recipes I Love," published by Anvil, contains 60 of Chikiamko's favorite dishes which she regularly cooks for family and friends. These include Beef Picadillo Soup, Herbed Shrimps on Bread Cubes, French Toast with Dayap, Korean Beef Barbecue, Herbed Lamb Chops, Pinaupong Manok, Bow-Battered Fish Fillets with Tartar Sauce, Squid a la Bistek.

"We've been chasing her for some time now," said Karina Bolasco, Anvil publishing manager. "And we are proud now to finally have her in the Anvil roster of authors."

The book offers kitchen-tested recipes with yummy pictures styled by Thea Zaragoza and photographed by Diego Arel. Arnold Ramos designed the layout and the book cover.

Chikiamko, an award-winning children's book author, wants the featured dishes to be accessible to all, making sure the recipes are simple and doable and the ingredients affordable and readily available. She offers cooking tips at the end of each recipe.

The dishes are also categorized as snacks and starters, main courses and side dishes, and drinks and desserts.

"Through the years, Ommy has mastered food journalism," said guest speaker and Inquirer Lifestyle editor Thelma Sioson-San Juan. "She's made known to us that there's such a thing as kitchen-tested recipes. When you open her cookbook, it is not just the ingredients you see, it's the ethics, the values, the integrity that went into it as a journalist. I feel strongly about this book because we'd like to think we are entering an era now when traditional Filipino values are in vogue again."

> Beef Picadillo Soup, Korean Beef Barbecue, Herbed Lamb Chops, Pinaupong Manok—they're all in 'The Recipes I Love'

Standardizing measurements

During the launch, Chikiamko recalled how Anvil approached her last year to pen a cookbook. It was only when she went on a food trip to Bangkok many months later that she settled on the title of her book, "The Recipes I Love."

"I immediately jotted down in my notebook some of the recipes I love and serve my family and friends," she said.

However, when she got back to Manila, she was greeted by typhoon "Ondoy." Before she could focus on the book, she had to clean up her house and salvage her files and books damaged in the flood. She then talked to Gwen Galvez of Anvil and, the next thing she knew, she was on her computer, typing every night recipe after recipe that could be included in the book.

Though she has been cooking most of these recipes for years, she never really got to organize them. Most of the recipes were handwritten in assorted notebooks and folders. Compiling them in a book took patience and diligence.

She also re-tested some recipes to standardize measurements. With some recipes, which Chikiamko has been cooking for years, she didn't usually measure anymore; she'd just rely on instinct.

Summary of her life

Reading the complete manuscript, she then realized that the essence of her life are intertwined with these dishes.

"It's like the story of my life in edible form. There are recipes I remember from childhood, recipes I first cooked when I was newly married, recipes I cooked when my

DORMA, D4



IN HER new book, Chikiamko features simple and doable recipes with ingredients that are affordable and readily available.

Heritage feast celebrates 95th birthday



SOLITA Camara-Besa with cake by Becky Villegas of Becky's Kitchen



SOLITA Camara-Besa (seated) with Thomas Besa, Amy Besa and Dr. Emmanuel Besa



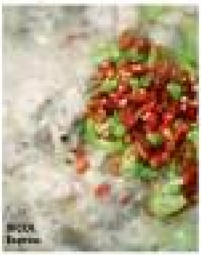
ALOCON salad



KAMIAS ... for fish



BUKO pie



BICOL Express



ROMY wrapping fish

For NY-based restaurateurs Amy Besa and Romy Dorotan, their mother's birthday is a chance to celebrate a milestone year and the spirit of Philippine cuisine

From 'kamias' in syrup and chilies to roast 'talakitok,' Bicol Express

Kamias in Syrup and Chilies by Romy Dorotan / Amy Besa

Burnt Coconut Cream by Romy Dorotan and Amy Besa

Recipes of Amy Besa and Romy Dorotan from Solita Camara-Besa's 95th birthday party

Roast Talakitok, Apahap and Pampano

Buko Pie (Young Coconut Pie)

Bicol Express

Basic Pie Pastry

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Vegetarian dishes, Chinese tea—this is healthy feasting

Jasmine, the Chinese restaurant of New World Hotel, goes vegan until May 21







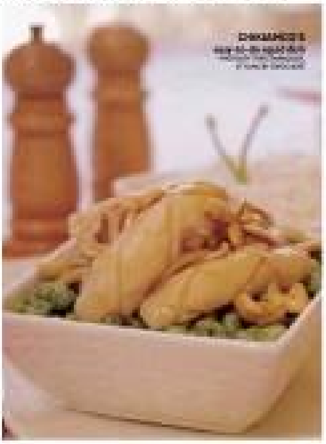
Winning recipes of culinary schools featured in resto menu







Squid with Green Peas and Cashew Nuts



CHIKIAMKO'S squid dish [illegible]

Ingredients:

[illegible]

Baguio Oil's Chocolate Chip Cupcakes



BAGUIO Oil's Chocolate Chip Cupcakes

Ingredients:

[illegible]

Preheat oven to 350ºF (180ºC). [illegible]

Let cool. If desired, top cupcakes with your favorite frosting [illegible]



CHIKIAMKO demonstrates how to prepare chocolate chip cupcakes, assisted by another cookbook author and good friend Dorothy Ferreria.

Norma Chikiamko's new cookbook. . .

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children were growing up, those I cooked when my family and I were living in Syracuse, New York, and those I cooked when I first started writing about food. And I think that's one reason why this book means so much to me. It's like a summary of my life, and in that sense it's like a legacy I am sharing with my family, friends and relatives and with my readers, some of whom have been faithfully following my writings through the years."

She dedicated her book to "everyone I love and I like," which covers a wide range of people—including, of course, the people who attended the book launch and her family—husband [illegible], daughter [illegible], eldest daughter [illegible] in the US.



KARINA Bolasco, Anvil publishing manager

Other books

This is Chikiamko's first book under Anvil. On the local scene, she has done cookbooks for [illegible] and ABS-CBN Publishing.

Internationally, she's written cookbooks for Periplus Publishing of Singapore. [illegible]

[illegible]

Ice cream brand marks 25th year with 25 flavors available worldwide

By [illegible]

"AT LEAST I WORKED IN DAIRY Queen when I was their age!" [illegible] Kim Cattrall a.k.a. Samantha Jones in an episode of the HBO hit series "Sex and the City," thus sealing Dairy Queen's niche in pop-culture history.



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Yummy varieties

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Tiny Kitchen classes

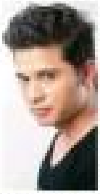
SUMMER IS HALFWAY OVER BUT FOR kids and teens who want to take up cooking lessons, there are still a few weeks left of classes at Tiny Kitchen, [illegible]

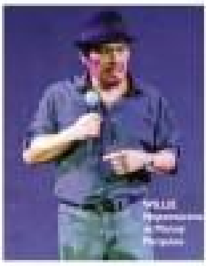
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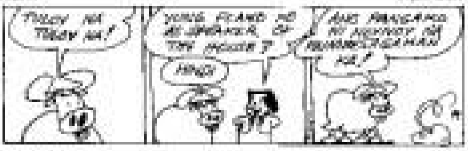




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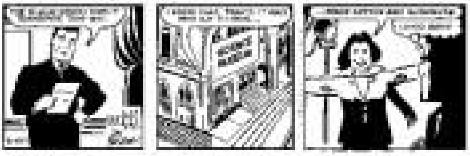
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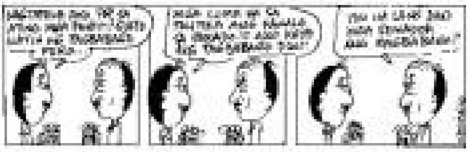
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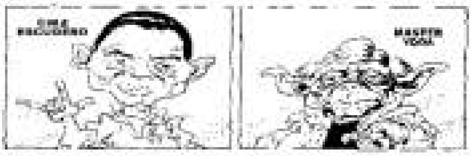
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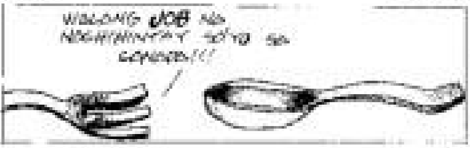
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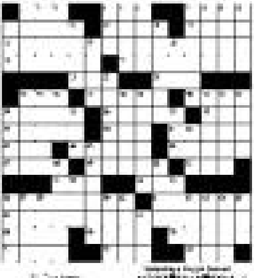
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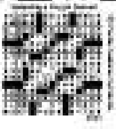
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New stars quickly overstay their welcome

Viewfinder



Nestor U. Torre



Melai and Jason: Showing signs of predictability

Overheard



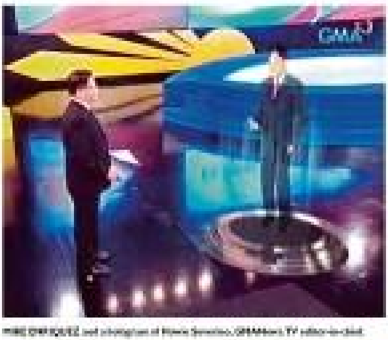
Holy hologram! Poll watch as reality TV

Kapuso execs recount coverage of this past election in a time of automation

By Rayani San Diego Jr.

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One big show



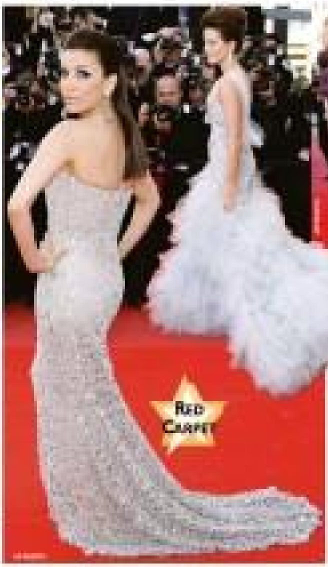


Woody Allen in Cannes, sharing tales of romance, aging, death

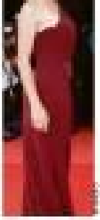


'Aging is a lousy deal; you don't get smarter, and you need a hearing aid'

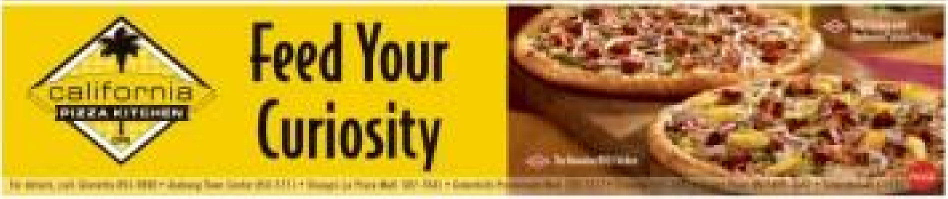
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Entertainment



It's SPA-rty time!

Back Story

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The 'usual suspects'

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> She's into being a girly girl, makeup, manicure

Chaos

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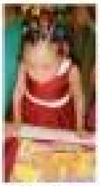
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[illegible] birthday girl!

It's SPA-rty time

From page F1

they carpeted on- dies and games, as well as all the more colored food.

The host, Missy Maramara, was all dressed as our "spa party" for this afternoon. Oh, and the spa was set up in the den, away from the rest of the party.

Since everything was ready early enough, we all thought of availing the party services before the guests arrived.

Missy had her nails done in two different colors, and her toes and [illegible] sprayed on her hair, and pretty flowers on the side of her face.

I got my nails done in turquoise, and had turquoise flowers on a vine painted.

The helpers got into the act, too. Nanda's pops had "the works."

We all wanted to be walking billboards, in the hope that the grownups (as well as the kids) would have a little fun and get their faces or hands painted, too. (I had a feeling the adults had more fun than the kids!)

That salon corner had more than just a few people availing of their services (and the spa, complete with candles, beads and a bamboo mat, was very, very busy — even my brother got himself a hand spa).

With fabulous games, great food, an engaging host and a pair of flipflops to take home, everyone looked like they had a good time. Most especially, my daughter.

Who knows what next year's theme is going to be, or if she'll even want a party at all. All I know is, if I got a smile from my birthday girl's face, then it was all worth it.

Happy birthday, my little princess!

Congratulations

To Sgt Bray Mole[illegible] and his wife Patricia on the birth of their son Alejandro Miguel. You know what that means: Aga Muhlach is officially the most gorgeous grandfather to walk the earth. Much love to you all!

Gig time

I'll be performing in concert at the KLCC in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on May 22 and 23. Show time is at 8:30 p.m. If you're in the area, come on by!

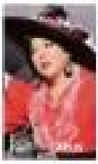
Media dialogue points out what local TV lacks



'Let's make prime time TV work for young viewers by writing material with helpful information'







Another comedy bit

Supersize 'Glee,' tweak 'Idol'





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